



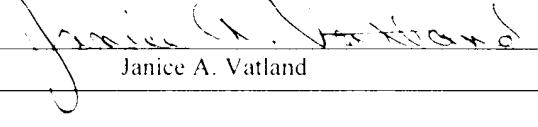
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, Applicants hereby respond as follows. A three Month Extension of Time to and including August 25, 2003 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$930 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.